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TAGS: PORG, XF, CE
SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION

1. WHILE LOCAL PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PLO RAID INTO
ISRAEL, THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) MADE NO PUBLIC
STATEMENT ON INCIDENT. IN RESPONSE TO NEWS OF ISRAELI COUNTER-
ATTACK ON PLO CAMPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS A. KEMS. HAMEED PROMPTLY CONDEMNED ISRAELI ACTION.

2. HAMED CRITICIZED ISRAEL'S ATTACK ON SOUTHERN LEBANON AS
A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A
SOVEREIGN NATION AND SAID IT MAKES SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST
PROBLEM MORE DIFFICULT. HE SAID HE IS WATCHING THE SITUATION
CLOSELY AND WOULD CALL UPON NON-ALIGNED BUREAU TO CONSIDER
WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. HAMEED DID NOT MENTION PLO.

3. COMMENT. IN LIGHT OF GSL'S PRO-ARAB STANCE,
HAMEED'S REACTION TO ISRAELI RETALIATION IS NOT SURPRISING.
IT IS CONSISTENT WITH GSL "ECUMENICAL" PRO-ARAB POSITION.

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FOR EXAMPLE, GSL MADE NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT LAUDING PRESIDENT
SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE LAST YEAR.
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